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ANDERSON AND ABBOTT ARRESTED AS FORMER OFFICER COMES BACK

Old Fashioned Political Rally For Coolidge Here Oct. 31

POW-WOW PLANNED BY G.O.P.

Whole District Invited to Attend Big G. O. P. Get-Together
DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS

Local Men and Central Committee Join in Arranging Event

Torrance will stage one of the biggest Coolidge rallies held this year in the Southland on Friday night, Oct. 31, members of the Coolidge Club announced today.

The rally will be held outdoors on the vacant property at the intersection of Marcelina and Sartori avenues.

The Republican state committee has agreed to furnish several noted orators for the occasion.

The local committee is arranging for a big fireworks display. The rally will be staged here for the benefit of this entire district, and hundreds of citizens are expected to attend from neighboring communities.

The rally will be of the "old-fashioned" variety.

George Proctor will act as chairman.

The Coolidge committee held a meeting Tuesday night at Legion hall, appointed precinct committees and perfected the plan for the rally.

Chairman George Neill appointed the following precinct committees: Precinct No. 1, W. Harold Kingsley; precinct No. 2, D. Spurlin; precinct No. 3, W. H. Gilbert; precinct No. 4, George Proctor; precinct No. 5, J. S. Torrance; Key-stone, Charles LeBoeuf.

The following finance committee was appointed: D. Spurlin, Harry Roberts, J. B. Hines, George Peckham.

The campaign committee declared that Torrance will give the Coolidge-Dawes ticket a handsome majority on Nov. 4.

ASSESSOR TO HEAR PLEA

J. C. Smith Heads Committee to Present Case to Officials

TOO LATE FOR 1924 CUT BUT DIRECTORS OF BODY BELIEVE PROTEST NECESSARY, JUST THE SAME

All the weight of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is being brought to bear in a protest against the excessive assessed valuation of property in the city of Torrance. Although it is too late to secure a reduction in the valuations which tax notices revealed last week, the directors of the chamber believe that the county authorities should be presented with all possible data, showing the obvious unfairness of many valuations and the apparent inconsistency with which property here was assessed.

The directors Tuesday afternoon appointed a special committee to secure all possible data and to present the case to the county assessor on behalf of the city of Torrance. J. C. Smith was named chairman of the committee, the other members of which are George Neill and Roy Winters. Secretary Carl L. Hyde is working with the committee.

Bring Data to C. of C.

Scores of residents have brought their tax receipts to the Chamber of Commerce in accordance with the notice published in Tuesday's Herald. The paper was scarcely off the press when more than 20 citizens arrived at the Chamber of Commerce office to ascertain what action could be taken.

A large number of citizens sat through the directors' meeting. Commenting on the valuation this year, J. C. Smith said: "From a preliminary study of tax notices it is apparent that the assessor was inconsistent in fixing valuations here. It is likewise apparent that he must have based valuations on the premise that the entire city of Torrance was in oil territory. We have seen several tax receipts for Redondo Beach property and find that the valuations in that city have not been increased. This is a city of industrious working people, who are perfectly willing to pay taxes that are reasonable. But they have not the money nor the inclination to pay more than is reasonable and just."

Figures Show Boosts

Figures prepared by Mr. Smith show that Torrance this year will pay 7 1/2 percent more taxes than it did last. In 1923-24 property owners here paid \$262,660. This year they will pay \$333,379.52, an increase of \$130,718.79.

The amount to be collected by the city of Torrance this year will be \$103,389.85, as against \$55,242.79 last year, an increase of \$55,147.15—or 77 1/2 percent. The city tax rate is the same as last year.

Torrance last year paid \$96,873.02 for school taxes. This year, despite a lower tax rate, people in this city will pay a school tax of \$148,631.79, an increase of \$49,761.77—or 51 percent.

County Payment Bigger

Local People Asked to Visit Big Battleship

Open House on Dreadnaught at Harbor on Navy Day Next Monday

The people of Torrance are invited to visit the U. S. S. California at San Pedro harbor on Navy Day, Monday, Oct. 27.

Mayor R. R. Smith yesterday received a letter from Capt. R. De T. Hasbrouck, commanding the big dreadnaught, pointing out that the officers and crew of the battleship will hold open house on the anniversary of the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt.

Launches will leave the navy landing at the foot of Fifth street, San Pedro, at intervals between noon and 6 p. m., Monday. There will be special drills aboard the ship during the afternoon.

Navy Day has been designated as the day on which the navy shall make a report of its work to the people of the nation.

Torrance Boxer to Appear at Compton

The fistie fans of Torrance have begun to sit up and take notice of the record now being made by "Chief" Cyrus, the well known Torrance boxer, and a large crowd of his followers will go to Compton tonight to see him mix with Johnnie Ryan. If "Chief" puts out his man tonight he is promised the main event attraction at Compton next week. Under the careful instruction of "Daddy" Barnes of Torrance, the "Chief" has been bowling over his opponents regularly, having won his last three contests.

G. H. Sapp is starting construction of a five-room residence at the 220th street and Andreo avenue.

KIN MAKE SWABGETS INQUEST DEMAND

Relatives of John T. Young Insist Jury Probe Death Here Recently

SISTER, NEPHEW APPEAR Not Satisfied With Suicide Theory, Folks Visit Coroner

Reading in the newspapers of the mysterious death of John T. Young, who was found with two bullet holes in his body in Lomita last Saturday morning, relatives of the dead man today sought to convince county authorities that an inquest should be held.

Mrs. Nellie Rice, 413 North Electric avenue, Alhambra, Young's sister, took the matter of an inquest up directly with the coroner today. The results of her representations have not yet been announced.

Publication of the details regarding Young's death revealed the fact that Earl J. Rice, 2715 Cabrillo avenue, Torrance, is a nephew of the late oil well contractor.

Despite Young's failure to talk with his friends about his relatives, it now develops that he has two sons, one in the navy and one thought to be in Minneapolis. He also had a sister in Long Beach, it is reported.

That Young recently made a trip east to locate members of his

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SWABGETS WATER AT LORA J.

Jamieson's Test of Deep Well Disappointing This Morning

HOT AQUA BROUGHT UP Reported Oil Formation at 4070 Feet Apparently Unproductive

The much-heralded production test at the Jamieson Oil Company's Lora J. deep test well on East Palm street, was a disappointment this morning. The crew was swabbing the well from about the 3000-foot depth and the swab was bringing up large quantities of hot salt water. It is possible that more satisfactory results may be obtained when the hole is swabbed deeper. Indications this morning, however, are that the oil stratum which was picked up at 4060 feet is non-productive and that a stratum of hot salt water exists between 4060 feet and 4170 feet. The well was cemented off at 4060 feet and drilled to 4170. In case the test proves the existence of the water stratum the company will recoment.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kralawoc, who have been the guests of Mrs. Kralawoc's father, Rev. J. W. Green, for some months, have returned to their home in Seattle.

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Observations

A Plane for Every Man—Navy Day—Campaign Ends; France Achieves the Impossible—The Play "Abraham Lincoln" By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

A YOUNG amateur flier supplied the greatest contribution to the year's progress in aviation at the Dayton meet two weeks ago. He flew in a baby plane run by an 18-horsepower motorcycle motor. He flew at 35 miles an hour and at 100 miles an hour—using one gallon of gasoline for a 50-mile flight.

This feat demonstrates the rapid advance toward realization of Henry Ford's dream of "a plane for every man."

At that Dayton meeting every conceivable sort of plane was in evidence—great passenger machines equipped with Pullman berths for long trips; "yellow taxis" that will soon be put to use in Chicago; a dirigible that released an aeroplane while in flight.

Three great motor car manufacturers in Detroit are making definite plans for production of aeroplanes on a big scale. Of these three Edsel Ford is one of the most active.

Aeroplanes will soon be in general use by private owners. Make no mistake about that. The wonder of it is that Orville Wright is still alive to witness the progress.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT probably did more for the navy than any other President ever accomplished. So it is fitting that Navy Day be observed on the anniversary of Roosevelt's birthday.

To most of us the navy is an organization forgotten during peace time and called to mind only in time of emergency. President Coolidge recently outlined some of the great peacetime accomplishments of the department, establishing that this arm of the government is useful as well as destructive.

To the United States all nations of the world give unstinted praise for the charting and sounding of uncharted and unsounded waters in the seven seas. This is done by the navy. If it did nothing else, the navy would justify its own existence.

In the matter of naval construction the navy blazes the trail. The first ship ever to be lighted by electricity was a battleship. Turbine engines were first used on a naval vessel. Electric drive was first proved practical by the navy. The navy perfected the gyroscope compass, a great contribution to the science of navigation. The navy led the way in establishing the efficacy of water-tight compartments. The navy, on guard day and night, keeps trans-Atlantic liners and freighters informed all the time regarding the location and drifts of dangerous icebergs.

The navy is as useful in peace as it is efficient in war.

VOTERS should realize that the proposed half a billion dollar bond issue for power and water development by the state is IN NO WAY related to the Boulder dam project. The proposal on which electors will pass judgment a week from next Tuesday will increase taxes tremendously. Even those who favor government ownership of public utilities must realize that the time is not yet ripe for the state of California to saddle itself with this tremendous burden.

Under the present law companies serving electrical energy to consumers are controlled by the state. Their profits are limited. Vote No on the half a billion dollar bond proposal.

THE campaign is just about over. From today on the belmsmen of the various political ships will do nothing but keep their vessels on the course. There will be no more sending up of flares to attract attention. The public has made up its composite mind of little avail. All the managers can do now is to keep the vote in line.

JAIL 3 AS ABSENTEE RETURNS

Torrance Chief, Hermosa Attorney and Former Policeman Arrested

INDICTMENTS RETURNED Grand Jury Action Revealed When Erstwhile Officer Comes Back

With the voluntary return to Torrance of former Motorcycle Officer Stanley Abbott yesterday, developments in the Torrance police scandal took on new and dramatic angles and landed Abbott, former Chief, B. M. Anderson and Attorney A. P. Morewood of Hermosa Beach in the county jail at the order of the district attorney.

The arrests were made on grand jury indictments charging the three men with extortion in connection with the notorious extortion charges arising out of the arrest and release of five Compton men in Torrance in July. The indictments were returned Tuesday afternoon by the grand jury.

In the meantime operatives of the district attorney's office had definitely ascertained that Abbott was in Troy, New York. They were planning to send officers for him when he walked unheralded into the Torrance police station yesterday.

Police here were not informed that there was an indictment standing against the former motorcycle officer and he was allowed to go to Los Angeles. Later in the day local police were informed regarding the indictment. Charles Vonderhaar was sworn in as a deputy and went to Los Angeles, returned with Abbott in custody. In the meantime Officer Stevenson was in Los Angeles consulting with county officials. Last night he returned to Torrance in company with Deputy Sheriff King and took Abbott into custody. Acting Chief William Phillips then accompanied the deputy to the home of Anderson, where the former chief was arrested. The party then went to Hermosa Beach and took Morewood into custody.

The three men were lodged in the county jail last night, being unable at the late hour to secure bail, which was fixed at \$5000.

Abbott's testimony, authorities assert, was essential to any case the prosecution might present against Anderson and Morewood, and it is assumed that the grand jury for this reason delayed returning indictments until the whereabouts of the former motorcycle officer was ascertained. As soon as it was learned that he was in Troy, the indictments were returned.

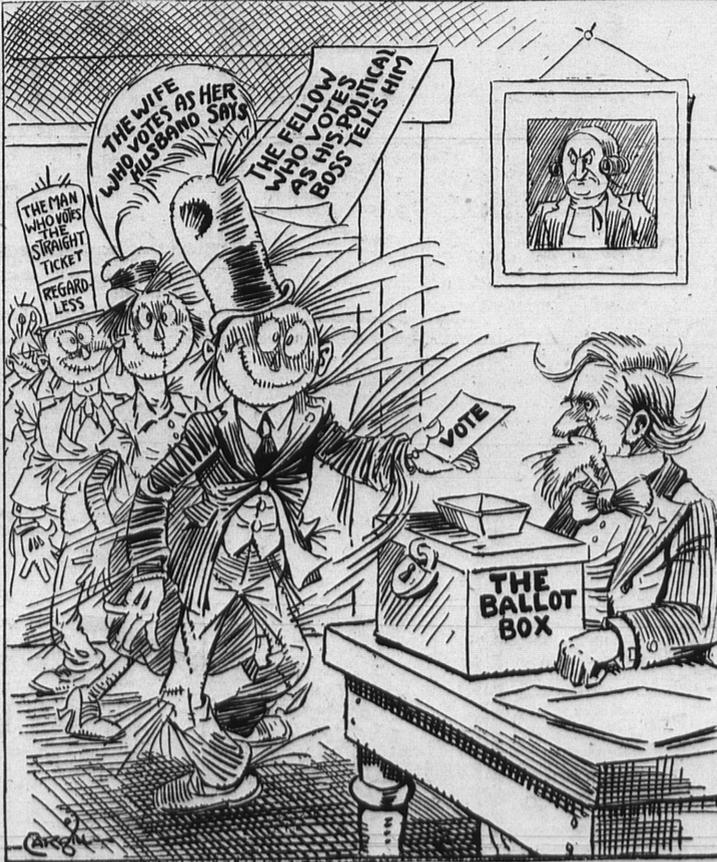
It is pointed out that Abbott's absence was not in contravention of law. He was not charged with any offense, nor had he been subpoenaed to appear. As soon as the indictment was returned Tuesday, however, authorities had a basis on which to place him under arrest.

It was Abbott whom the Compton men were alleged to have assaulted. It was he, likewise, whose unincriminating testimony at the trial before City Recorder King brought about the release of the men.

MOOSE OPEN MEETING

An open meeting will be held Monday night at Moose hall, Carson street, by the local Loyal Order of Moose.

NOT ALL STRAW VOTING IS DONE BEFORE ELECTION



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